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Rockville's Mayor and Council Approve Garage Parking Fees in Town Square

One Dollar Per Hour Fees Go Into Effect March 10;
Parking is Free on Weekends and Evenings after 7 p.m.

The Mayor and Council approved a series of measures regarding parking in the City-owned Town Square Garages, including the activation of parking fees. Garages have been free to the public since November 2006, giving visitors an opportunity to discover what the vibrant Town Square has to offer.

Beginning on March 10, patrons will be charged one dollar per hour in the three City parking garages and at the 156 Town Center on-street meters Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. Parking will remain free of charge on weekends, and to Library patrons at all times.

Each garage is equipped with state-of-the-art Signal-Park parking guidance systems that direct drivers quickly to open spaces. Garages also will have parking enforcement officers and park-



The state-of-the-art Signal-Park parking guidance system directs drivers to available spaces. The arrows in the above photo point to lights that indicate the availability of a parking space. A red light indicates the space is occupied and green indicates the space is open. Beginning March 10, these easy to use pay stations (right) will be operational. The 20 pay stations in the three parking garages accept coins, bills and credit cards.



ing attendants on site.

The City has installed 20 pay stations in three parking garages. The parking system allows patrons to use coins, bills, and credit cards. The machines are networked in such a way that users can use any pay station in the system for any of the nearly 1,000 parking spaces.

The Mayor and Council approved in January an agreement with Montgomery County



ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE WELCOMES NEW ARRIVAL...
Meet Boomer, the police department's newest canine officer. Learn more about Boomer on page 8.

that provides free parking for employees and patrons of the Rockville Library, which will be paid by the County government.

All-day parking will be available on the upper levels of the 355 garage. Other garage spaces will have a limit of four hours.

For more information about Town Center and the parking garages, refer to this month's *Rockville Reports* insert and the enclosed "Find Yourself Parking in Town Square" brochure. [RR](#)

Water System Upgrades Recommended

Improvements will Address Aging Infrastructure and New EPA Regulations

Just as homes, cars and appliances age, the City's infrastructure and equipment ages too. To make sure the infrastructure continues to meet residents' needs, Rockville is beginning a new initiative to replace and improve the water distribution system that serves homes, businesses and the fire hydrants across the city.

At the February 11 Mayor and Council workshop, City of Rockville staff proposed a plan to initiate a 15-year Water Line Replacement Program to replace 33 miles of pipe. On average, 2.2 miles of pipe will be replaced each year for the next 15 years. An increase in water rates will be needed to fund the \$67 million project. The proposal is part of an overall water system improvement plan, which includes water

plant upgrades and replacement of aging water meters.

"The City must initiate an ongoing program that systematically replaces a portion of these aging water lines each year," said Craig Simoneau, Rockville's Director of Public Works. "This program is likely to be needed well into the future."

Rockville's water distribution system consists of a network of water meters, storage tanks, fire hydrants, valves and pipes. Of the 180 miles of pipe in the distribution system, approximately 70 percent are cast iron installed before the mid 1970s. As cast iron pipes age, corrosion occurs. This effect, known as "tuberculation," (see photo at right) reduces the interior pipe diameter, thereby lowering the flow through the pipe.

After many years of buildup, tuberculation can impact the ability to meet fire flow demands.

Rockville has 1,369 fire hydrants, of which 51 (approximately four percent) are considered insufficient for fighting residential fires.

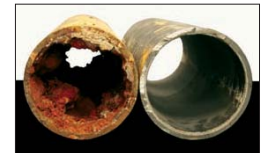
Rockville also is experiencing a large number of water main breaks caused by the aging water pipes. In 2007, Rockville had a record 65 water main breaks in its distribution system, which cost approximately \$250,000 to repair.

Besides fire suppression, Rockville's water system supplies safe drinking water. In order to meet more stringent regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Maryland Department of Environment,

Rockville also is conducting a study of its Water Treatment Plant.

"After evaluating our water treatment plant, an overall facility upgrade plan will be recommended," said Simoneau. "These upgrades will include improvements to the hydraulics and electrical components of the plant." The Water Treatment Plant Study will not be completed until the fall of 2008 and costs are estimated at approximately \$15 million. Rockville must comply with EPA regulations by 2013.

Rockville is conducting an ongoing water meter replacement program. All commercial water meters have been replaced and all residential water meters will be replaced by the fall of 2009, completing the project. The



Compare a tuberculated cast iron pipe (left) to a new cement lined pipe (right).

meter replacement program will cost \$5.25 million.

Staff will bring recommendations on how to fund the water system improvement to the Mayor and Council in early March. Approval of the replacement plan and the expected water fee increase will be included in the fiscal year 2009 budget, which begins July 1, 2008.

To view City staff's Feb. 11 presentation to the Mayor and Council, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/water/MC_water_briefing_021108.pdf. [RR](#)

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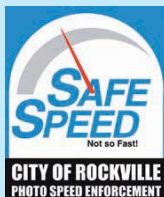
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Automated Speed Enforcement is Working Installation of New Camera Has Begun

In May of last year, the City of Rockville, along with Montgomery County began issuing citations to speed violators captured by the new speed camera system. Since then, Rockville City Police has issued more than 60,000 citations to owners of vehicles that are photographed going at least 11 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. Fines for violations are \$40, and no points will be assigned to a driving record for citations.

The following is a list of locations where speed cameras are utilized by the City of Rockville:

- Baltimore Road east of the Rockville Metro Station (300-500 blocks)
- Baltimore Road near Rockville High School (2100 block)
- College Parkway near College Gardens Park (400-500 block)
- College Parkway near College Gardens Elementary School (800-900 blocks)
- First Street near Maryvale Elementary School (900-1000 blocks)
- Gaither Road north of King Farm Boulevard (1000 block)
- Great Falls Road near Julius West Middle School (400-500 blocks)
- Mt. Vernon Place near Richard Montgomery High School (400-500 blocks)
- Nelson Street west of Mannakee Street (100-200 block)
- Nelson Street north of West Montgomery Avenue (500 block)
- Redland Boulevard in King Farm (300-500 blocks)*
- Rollins Avenue near Montrose and Montrose Woods Parks (600 block)
- Twinbrook Parkway near Meadow Hall Elementary School (700 block)
- Twinbrook Parkway near Carl Sandburg Learning Center (500-600 blocks)



- Wooton Parkway in Front of Wooton High School (2100 Block)
 - West Montgomery Avenue east of I-270 (400-600 blocks)*
- *Indicates this location is scheduled to receive a permanent camera.

The most recent camera installation has begun at West Montgomery Avenue, east of I-270 and is expected to be complete in late March.

"This program continues to be very successful," said Terry Treschuk, Rockville City Chief

of Police. "We are seeing people slow down when driving through our residential neighborhoods and school zones. This has a direct impact on decreasing the number of accidents and injuries caused by speeding, and makes it safer for pedestrians."

All fines collected through this speed enforcement program will be used to cover the expenses of the program and for initiatives that will increase pedestrian safety, such as the installation of streetlights, education and outreach programs, additional police officers assigned to traffic safety and control positions, and the building of new sidewalks. New roadway traffic calming devices such as roundabouts and lane narrowings also may be installed and paid for through this program.

For more information about Rockville's speed camera program, including a map indicating camera locations, visit www.rockvillemd.gov. For a list of locations throughout Montgomery County, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police.

State legislators are currently considering a series of bills that may make changes to this program.

Camera locations are subject to change. **RR**

Services Offered by Neighborhoods Division

Dog Licensing

It is mandatory for all dogs that reside in the Rockville city limits to be licensed through the Rockville City Police Department.

To download the pet registration form, visit www.rockvillemd.gov and type in "Dog Licensing" under the search field.

To request a pet registration form by mail, call 240-314-8937.

Off-Leash Testing

Want to walk your dog off-leash? The Rockville City Police Neighborhood Services Division holds "Off-Leash Testing" every third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the outdoor pool parking lot of the Rockville Municipal Swim Center. The cost is \$5.00 and pre-registration is required. Call 240-314-8937. **RR**

'Stop Means Stop' For Traffic and Personal Safety

City Police Enforce Stop Sign Safety Initiative

Community outreach is a vital component of the many duties the Rockville City Police Department perform to keep all Rockville citizens safe and informed. An example of successful and meaningful outreach is a program called The Stop Sign Safety Initiative, led by Sgt. Jim Walsh.

This program seeks to remind drivers when coming to a stop sign, they must come to a full and complete stop and also to remind drivers there are consequences if stop signs are ignored.

"We're hoping to change driver's long term behavior," said Sgt. Walsh. "I see many people fail to stop completely and giving them a ticket or verbal warning is nothing compared to the potential consequences they may face if they fail to stop. I'd like to think we're saving lives first and foremost."

The initiative targets spots throughout the City that have frequent and repeated violators. Those areas pose higher risks to pedestrians and motorists. Drivers that are pulled over are handed a blue card with the definition of "stop" outlined in article 21-707A from the City Traffic Code.

The extent to which drivers fail to stop was evident when recently Sgt. Walsh handed out as many as 35 cards in 15 minutes. Residents can watch the extent of this traffic problem by tuning into the Rockville Channel's "On Patrol" segment featuring Walsh



Sergeant Jim Walsh watches as a vehicle rolls through a stop sign with pedestrians close by. The Rockville City Police Stop Sign Safety Initiative educates drivers on the importance of coming to a full and complete stop each and every time.

in action. (see March schedule on page 8). During taping of the segment, Sgt. Walsh stood at the intersection of Fleet Street and Jefferson Plaza to survey drivers approaching the stop sign. Walsh found that even with his presence, many motorists still violated the stop sign by stopping incorrectly or not at all. At one point, a student driver, with his instructor in the passenger seat, violated the stop sign by rolling through it. Sgt. Walsh stopped the vehicle and handed both the driver the blue card with the definition of "stop" and spoke to them about stop sign safety. "Hopefully this student is now equipped with proper skills and will become a better driver," said Sgt. Walsh. "And in the future, the instructor will be more aware when teaching students how to drive."

Normally, being cited for a stop sign violation can mean a \$90 fine and one point on the driver's license. "The program is innovative, effective and efficient. Tickets are not the ultimate answer all the time. Community outreach and education is just as important, especially in matters of public safety," said Police Chief Terry Treschuk. It usually takes 8-10 minutes to write a citation, about 6-7 minutes to give a verbal warning, but only about one minute to send the point across about the meaning of stop and the penalty of not stopping.

The Rockville Channel's "On Patrol" segment featuring The Stop Sign Safety Initiative will be airing throughout March. For more information about this initiative, call Rockville City Police at 240-314-8910. **RR**

—by Mya Dinh

Rockville Police and Other Employees 'Setting the Pace' for Seat Belt Use Pacesetter Award Given for Seat Belt Compliance

Rockville City Police and other City employees know the importance of using a seatbelt each and every time when in a moving vehicle. In recognition of this seat belt compliance, the Maryland State Highway Administration's Highway Safety Office, the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, and the Maryland Committee for Safety Belt Use, Inc. gave the Pacesetter Award to the Rockville City Police Department.

Seat belt surveys were conducted and the Rockville City Police Department and other employees were observed using seat belts 100 percent of the time. "We recognize the importance of our employees' safety, and proper use of seat belts and child safety seats are simple steps to maintain that safety," said Chief Terry Treschuk. "The Pacesetter Award is one way we recognize our entire community for taking that vital step to help protect themselves



Neighborhood Resource Coordinator Hjarman Cordero always travels throughout the City with his seatbelt fastened.

in a crash."

These surveys were taken in conjunction with the Maryland Chiefs' Challenge campaign, a two-month law enforcement-based public education initiative to raise awareness of the lifesaving and injury-reducing benefits of seat belt and child safety seat use. The Maryland Chiefs' Challenge campaign

and the Maryland Pacesetters program have assisted the state in achieving record-setting seat belt use rates. Maryland boasts the highest seat belt use rate on the east coast and one of the highest in the country. Marylanders are "setting the pace" with 93 percent of motorists using seat belts when traveling. **RR**

Upcoming Opportunities to Get Involved

Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan Worksessions Scheduled for March 12, 26

The Planning Commission has scheduled two worksessions to continue discussion on the Twinbrook Neighborhood Draft Plan. Both worksessions begin at 7 p.m. and will be broadcasted live on TRC 11 and re-aired throughout the following weeks.

Topics such as the environment, community facilities and implementation of the plan will be discussed on March 12, and the March 26 worksession will wrap-up any outstanding issues from previous sessions.

The Draft Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan reflects the community's desire to maintain and enhance the

historic residential character of the Twinbrook neighborhood while guiding the future of land currently zoned for commercial and industrial uses. Modifications may be made to the Draft Plan by the Planning Commission as part of the Commission's recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

Copies of the Draft Plan are available free of charge at the Department of Community Planning and Development Services at City Hall (111 Maryland Ave., second floor). The Draft Plan also is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.html.

Typically, no public testimony is taken during work-



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sessions, but the public record remains open. Residents are encouraged to comment on the

Draft Plan by submitting written comments to Robin Wiener, Chair, Rockville Planning

Commission, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Md. 20850. **RR**

Zoning Ordinance Revision Update

As previously reported in *Rockville Reports*, the City of Rockville is currently revising its Zoning Ordinance, the law that determines how and where development can occur.

The intent was to address the following: the City's changed values and vision, the City wishes to raise standards for its built environment, and the City needs to ensure a simple, accessible and transparent review process. The first draft of the Zoning Ordinance, created by the Representatives of

Rockville Zoning Ordinance Review (RORZOR) Committee, was authorized for filing by the Mayor and Council on October 8, 2007. This allowed staff to make the document available to the public and begin public outreach. Staff and RORZOR held three public forums and presented the Draft Ordinance to 20 different citizen and business groups.

The Planning Commission held two public hearings on the Draft Ordinance in January. Public testimony

was collected and added to the staff report to the Planning Commission. Public testimony and the staff report can be obtained by visiting City Hall at 111 Maryland Ave., or visiting the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/zoning.

The Planning Commission will examine public and staff input on the current RORZOR draft and create a new, replacement document called The Planning Commission Draft.

This new draft will be presented to the Mayor and Council after further public hearings and review. The Planning

Commission has scheduled three worksessions for February 27, March 12 and March 26. These worksessions are open to the public and will be televised on the Rockville Channel (TRC 11).

To learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/zoning and the Planning Commission's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/pc/index.html. Call 240-314-8200 or E-mail zoning@rockvillemd.gov with further questions or concerns. **RR**



Planning for Rockville's Pike Continues February 26

Stakeholder Workshop: You are a Stakeholder!

The City of Rockville invites citizens to participate in the planning process for *Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place* at a public meeting to be held at The Legacy Hotel on Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 7-9:30 p.m. This is the second in a series of meetings to be held over the next 16 months.

At the meeting, the consultant team and City staff will share what was heard from the public and discuss the questions that emerged from the Dec. 4 kick-off meeting. That input will be used as the starting point for a participatory exercise that the team will conduct, in which participants will use maps to identify features of the planning area they like and those they want changed. The boundaries of the project are Twinbrook Parkway on the south side and Richard Montgomery Drive on the north side, including the land on both sides of Rockville Pike.

"We will review the results from December's meeting, and continue the community discussion about challenges and opportunities," said David Levy, Chief of Long Range Planning and Redevelopment.

Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place seeks to gather input from everyone who uses Rockville Pike, including those who live



Pictured above, Rockville Pike: Envision a Great Place Dec. 4 kick-off. Stakeholders play a vital role in the future of Rockville's Pike. The next meeting is scheduled from Feb. 26.

shop, dine, commute, walk or bike. Public participation will be a central part of the planning process, which is scheduled to continue until the middle of 2009.

The meeting will be held in



the Salon I and II Meeting Rooms at the Legacy Hotel (formerly Ramada Inn) located at 1775 Rockville Pike. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. More

information about the Feb. 26 meeting including directions is available on the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike/. A report on the December 4 kick-off meeting can be found online at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike/RVP_KickOff_120407.pdf.

For questions or comments, please contact Mayra Bayonet, Planner for the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services at 240-314-8214.

Rockville Reports will continue to provide information on future public meetings and forums. **RR**

— by Mya Dinh

City Home Improvement Grants are Available

Low and moderate income Rockville homeowners can apply for grants and loans to make necessary upgrades to their homes through Rockville's Home Improvement Program. Eligible improvements include upgrades to electrical, plumbing and home heating systems.

Funds for the program are provided by Housing and Urban Development through the U.S. Community

Development Block Grant Program and are administered by the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services.

Call to inquire about eligibility requirements and loan limits at 240-314-8208.

Subsidios Para Mejoras en el Hogar

Los dueños de casas en Rockville que perciben ingresos bajos y moderados pueden solicitar subvenciones y préstamos para hacer las mejoras necesarias en sus hogares mediante el Programa de Mejoras

del Hogar de la Ciudad de Rockville. Estos subsidios se ofrecen para mejorar los sistemas eléctricos, de calefacción y de plomería del hogar. Los fondos, que provienen del Programa Global de Subvenciones para el Desarrollo de la Comunidad de los Estados Unidos por conducto del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano, serán administrados por los Servicios de la Planificación y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad. Para conocer los requisitos para ser elegidos y los límites de los subsidios, se ruega llamar al 240-314-8208. **RR**

— translated by
Victoria Imas-Duchovny

Residents and City Staff Work Together to Increase Pedestrian Safety at Intersection Installation of Safety Measures Begins Soon

In direct response to residents' concerns regarding pedestrian safety, the City of Rockville's Traffic and Transportation Division will begin installation of several improvements at the intersection of Great Falls Road and Monument Street.

Medians with pedestrian refuges on both streets will be installed and curbs will be extended to shorten the crossing distance on Monument St. Handicapped accessible curb ramps and a decorative crosswalk also will be added.

"These improvements are a result of staff working with residents in the area," said Emad



The intersection at Great Falls Road and Monument Street will soon be safer for pedestrians.

Elshafei, Rockville's Chief of Traffic and Transportation. "Once construction is complete, this busy intersection, which is close to Julius West Middle School, will allow pedestrians, especially students, to more easily and safely cross Great Falls Road."

This project is partially funded through a Maryland State Highway Transportation Safe-Routes-to-School grant and is scheduled for construction this spring. A notice will be sent two weeks prior to construction to those residents who live closest to this busy intersection. **RR**

City Code Enforcement Tackles Vacant Property Concerns with New Ordinance

In an effort to keep Rockville a city of high quality and aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods, Rockville's Division of Community Enhancement and Code Enforcement is working to address the issue of boarded up and vacant structures.

"They can cause visual blight, may invite criminal activity, make the neighborhood unsightly, and may lead to depressed property values," said Victor Sajauskas, Supervisor of Community Enhancement.

To efficiently combat this problem, staff began implementing a new property maintenance ordinance.

Under this new ordinance, a building cannot remain boarded for more than 90 days. After this period, buildings must have the appearance of being occupied with windows and doors.

"Previously, a vacant structure

was allowed to stay unoccupied and boarded for an indefinite period of time. The only requirement was that the structure be secured and that the property meet acceptable standards," said Sajauskas.

"This ordinance ensures that home and business owners make their property look like a functioning part of the neighborhood," said Rockville City Police Chief Terry Treschuk.

Owners with vacant properties are sent letters informing them of the law and given a specific and fair time frame to address the problem. "Failure to comply with the order can result in a municipal citation with a \$100 fine for each day the violation exists. If the fines are not paid and/or properties remain boarded after 90 days, the citation is then referred to our legal department," said Sajauskas.

Chief Treschuk stressed that the department is willing to work with property owners to ensure compliance with the order. Owners are encouraged to provide feedback and ask for assistance when necessary.

"Response to this law has been good. Two problem sites have been demolished within a three-week period of coordination between the department and the property owners," said Chief Treschuk. He notes that collective efforts by the department and property owners will help, "maintain the property value and keep community standards high."

This law and other property maintenance requirements can be found online at www.rockvillemd.gov/government. For more information, contact Victor Sajauskas at 240-314-8332. **RR**

— by Mya Dinh

Simple Steps to Conserve Water

Water conservation is not just for times of drought. It is the responsibility of all Rockville residents and businesses to help conserve one of our most important resources. The City of Rockville obtains its water from the Potomac River and water conservation helps ensure sufficient water is always available. Water conservation also reduces the wear and tear on Rockville's water treatment plant by prolonging its productivity and efficiency while also allowing the City to reduce its electrical usage and equipment maintenance and replacement needs.

There are many simple practices one can do to lower water bills while also conserving water resources.

Conserve Outside

- Check all hoses, connectors, and spigots regularly. Repair leaks as needed.
- Equip hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- If possible, install a water-efficient drip irrigation system.
- Adjust sprinklers so only landscaped areas are watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways, steps and sidewalks.
- Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours when temperatures are cooler.
- Reduce evaporation by using a 2-3 inch layer of mulch around plants.
- Shut off automatic watering systems when it rains or install a rain shut-off device.
- Collect and use rain water for watering landscape.
- Equip swimming pools, fountains, ponds and other ornamental water features with re-circulating pumps.
- Reduce evaporation by using covers on swimming pools and spas.
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- Grow plants that are native to this area. When first planting give plenty of water, and water less frequently once plants are well established.
- Group plants according to water needs.

Conserve Inside

- Check faucets and pipes for leaks. Repair or replace as necessary.
- Place a plastic one-half gallon jug of water or a toilet dam in the tanks of conventional toilets to displace and save water with each flush.



Simple steps can be taken every day by everyone to conserve water.

- When constructing a new home or remodeling a bathroom, install a low-consumption (1.6 gal/flush) or dual flush toilet.
- Put food coloring in the toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color appears in the bowl, there is a leak. Adjust or replace the flush valve and flapper as necessary.
- When washing dishes by hand, do not let the water run. If the kitchen has a double sink, fill one with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Do not pre-rinse dishes prior to loading in a dishwasher.
- Run washing machine and dishwasher only with a full load or adjust water levels for smaller loads.
- Choose water-saving, energy-efficient models when purchasing new appliances.
- Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads.
- Do not let the water run while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Reuse clean household water. Collect the water that is wasted while waiting for the hot water to reach the faucet or showerhead and use it to water plants.
- Take a shower instead of a bath. When taking a bath, use the minimum amount of water needed for a bath by closing the drain first, and then adjusting the temperature as the tub fills. Try only filling the tub half full.
- Wash produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from the tap. Use the rinse water to water plants.
- Refrigerate a pitcher of drinking water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water is cold enough to drink.
- Insulate hot water pipes so water does not have to run as long to get hot water to the faucet.

For more information contact the Rockville's Environmental Management Division at 240-314-8870 or environment@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the
City Government at Work

Rockville's Sister City Friendship Bridge Named One of Most Pedestrian-Friendly New Projects in Maryland

Rockville's Sister City Friendship Bridge was recognized as one of the most bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly new projects in Maryland by the One Less Car organization during the 11th Annual Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Symposium in February. The Sister City Friendship Bridge crosses I-270 at MD Rt. 28 and opened in October 2007.

"We are honored to be recognized by One Less Car in this manner," said Rockville's Mayor Susan Hoffmann. "This bridge not only connects people from different areas of the city of Rockville, but also promotes health and wellness by encourag-

ing people to get out of their cars when traveling to Rockville's Town Center and throughout our many neighborhoods."

One Less Car is a statewide nonprofit organization advocating for better opportunities for people to bike, walk and use mass transit. One Less Car has called the Bridge a "great example of local government identifying a genuine bicycle and pedestrian accessibility problem and coming up with a successful solution."

The Bridge is named in honor of Rockville's Sister City relationship with Pinneberg, Germany, which celebrated 50 years of friendship in 2007. **RR**



Superintendent of Recreation, Betsy Thompson (left) and Mayor Susan Hoffmann (right) were congratulated by State Delegate Jon Cardin (center) on the occasion of Rockville's Sister City Friendship Bridge being named one of the most pedestrian friendly projects in Maryland.



Mayor
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember
John Britton



Councilmember
Piotr Gajewski



Councilmember
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. No appointment is necessary but a call to the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) is appreciated as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Hoffmann, the Councilmember scheduled for March is:

- **March 10 (Mon.):** John Britton

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Workshops and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- **Mar. 3 (Mon.)** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- **Mar. 10 (Mon.)** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- **Mar. 17 (Mon.)** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- **Mar. 24 (Mon.)** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- **Mar. 31 (Mon.)** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.

Watch Mayor and Council meetings live on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11)

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for:

- Animal Matters (one)
- Board of Appeals (one)
- Compensation Commission (two)
- Cultural Arts Commission (one)
- Historic District Commission (two)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (one at-large)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (one)
- Personnel Appeals Board (one)
- Rec & Park Board (two)
- Retirement Board (two)
- Rockville Sister City (one)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (one resident)
- Senior Citizens Commission (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280 or visit rockvillemd.gov.



ROCKVILLE DAY IN ANNAPOLIS...

"Rockville ♥sYou" was the theme of this year's Rockville Day in Annapolis, which appropriately took place on Valentines Day. Rockville Day is an annual event for the Rockville Mayor and Council to host the Annapolis legislators for lunch. The event gives Rockville's elected officials an opportunity to discuss Rockville's legislative priorities for the year. This year, Rockville is pursuing three bills: Bond Bill for Old Post Office Renovation, Building Excise Tax and Hotel Tax.

Pictured from left to right: Rockville Councilmember Phyllis Marcuccio, former State Senator Larry Levitan, Delegate James W. Gilchrist, Rockville Councilmember Anne M. Robbins, Rockville Mayor Susan Hoffmann, Delegates Luiz Simmons and Kumar Barve and State Senator Jennie Forehand.

Do You Have What it Takes to be 'Mayor for a Day'?

For one day this May, Rockville will have a new mayor, a fourth grader from a Rockville elementary school. All fourth grade students attending a Rockville school are encouraged to enter the "If I Were Mayor, I would..." essay contest, sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Mayor's Association. Mayor Susan Hoffmann has begun talking to Rockville's fourth graders about this wonderful opportunity.

"I, along with the council believe this contest is a great way for children to become better informed and involved in their own local government," said Mayor Hoffmann. "As I visit each fourth grade class, I'm amazed at how insightful and creative these children are when discussing how to better their community and neighborhood."

The winner will be chosen in April and as part of the winner's "mayoral" duties, the fourth grader will tour City Hall and other City facilities, have



Last year's 'Mayor for a Day,' Kelsey Kovacs at the dais.

lunch with Mayor Hoffmann and ride in a convertible during Rockville's 64th annual Memorial Day Parade.

The winner and all the students who earned honorable mentions will be invited to a June Mayor and Council meeting where they will receive recognition for their essay and participation in this program.

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280. **RR**

Reminder: Upcoming Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Dates

The below meetings are a part of Rockville's regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meetings. The meetings are held at 111 Maryland Avenue and begin at 7 p.m. Meetings will air live on TRC 11.

MARCH 24: Proposed budget presented to Mayor and Council

MARCH 31: Budget Public Hearing

APRIL 14: Budget Public Hearing

APRIL 28: Budget Worksession

MAY 5: Budget Worksession

MAY 19: Budget Adoption

OUT & ABOUT IN ROCKVILLE

Highlighting City Events and Programs



Children are delighted to spend a spring day with Peter Cottontail at the annual Eggstravaganza.

Get Eggcited for Rockville's Eggstravaganza

Family Fun and Games At Glenview Garden Party

Peter Cottontail and the Department of Recreation and Parks will host Eggstravaganza, one of Rockville's largest family events, at the Civic Center Park on Saturday, March 22 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Residents are invited to enjoy a spring day on the grounds of Glenview Mansion. "It is a great family event. A lot of residents come out and the children have a lot of fun," said Colleen McQuitty, Recreation and Parks Special Operations Supervisor.

There will be an egg hunt for children ages 1-9. Kids can showcase artistic talent and creativity by participating in

Kid Crafts activities. There will be prizes given to participants throughout the event. Peter Cottontail will be present to meet and take pictures with everyone. Also, Kaydee Puppets will entertain guests with performances of "The Ugly Duckling" and "Rumpelstiltskin."

Eggstravaganza is an exciting event that has attracted more than 1,000 guests in the past. For more information about Eggstravanga, contact Recreation and Parks at 240-314-8600 or visit the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/events. **RR**

—by Mya Dinh

City Youth and Rockville City Police Score A Slam Dunk At March Madness

Free Basketball Tournament Provides "Buckets" of Fun

Rockville's youth are invited to dazzle the crowd with fancy footwork and gravity defying jump shots while scoring against Rockville City Police at the March Madness Basketball Tournament.

This free event is held at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center (TCRC) on Friday, March 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. Kids will be matched against City police officers who may just show off some skills of their own.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for the police and community to get to know each other in a fun and friendly environment.

The tournament will match Rockville's youth in grades 5 through 8 with members of the Rockville City Police Department in a game of three-on-three.

Spectators will witness friendly competition, athleti-

March Madness



cism, and plenty of action while cheering on friends and family.

This is the second time the basketball tournament will be held, and some of last year's

participants are anticipating its arrival.

"It was really fun. The best part was getting to play basketball against the police officers," said Ashley Fourcade, 13, an eighth grade student at Julius West Middle School. "The officers played hard and made each game fun and competitive, but not too competitive. Everyone who loves basketball should come out. I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone again this year."

There will be other activities and prizes, including a basketball trophy given to all winning teams at the end of the tournament. Drinks and snacks will be sold.

The Twinbrook Recreation Center is located at 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. For more information about this event, contact Martha Coester, TCRC Supervisor at 240-314-8832. **RR** —by Mya Dinh

Blast Off to Rockville Science Day



Looking for something different to do on a spring Sunday afternoon with the whole family? Want to experience entertainment that's educational too? Come to Rockville Science Day 2008. The Rockville Consortium for Science and the City of Rockville invite you to the 19th Rockville Science Day on Sunday, April 27. Come to Montgomery College in Rockville, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. for a day of science, learning and fun.

Hometown Holidays, Rockville's Premier Memorial Day Weekend Event, is Celebrating 20 Years! Remember When...

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| <p>Martha Reeves and the Vandellas</p> | <p>Blood, Sweat and Tears</p> | <p>Little Anthony and the Imperials</p> | <p>Martina McBride</p> | <p>Michael McDonald</p> | <p>The Commodores</p> | <p>Sister Hazel</p> | <p>Jefferson Starship</p> | <p>Hootie and the Blowfish</p> | <p>KC and the Sunshine Band</p> |
| <p>Junior Walker and the All Stars</p> | <p>Dan Seals</p> | <p>Kool and the Gang</p> | <p>Three Dog Night</p> | <p>Little River Band</p> | <p>The Supremes starring Mary Wilson</p> | <p>RED Speedwagon</p> | <p>Live</p> | <p>Blues Traveler</p> | <p>Stay Tuned!</p> |

In Brief

Free English Classes For Adults Offered

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County will be offering beginning level English as a Second Language classes for adults 16 years of age or older. Classes begin on March 10 and will be held at Rockville High School on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks. Classes are free and books will be provided.

Interested students should call Stephanie Williams at 301-610-0030 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to schedule an orientation and to receive additional program information.

CALL 301-610-0030 FOR INFO

Se ofrecen clases gratuitas de inglés para adultos

El Consejo de Alfabetismo de Montgomery County ofrecerá clases de nivel inicial de inglés como segundo idioma, para adultos de 16 años de edad o más. Las clases, que comienzan el 10 de marzo se dictarán en la Rockville High School los lunes y miércoles

a la tarde de 6 a 9 p.m. durante 10 semanas. Las clases son gratuitas y se entregarán libros.

Los estudiantes interesados deben llamar a Stephanie Williams al 301-610-0030 entre las 10 a.m. y las 4 p.m. para programar una entrevista de orientación y recibir información adicional sobre el programa.

LLAMADA 301-610-0030 PARA INFO

Richard Montgomery High School Art Exhibit

Richard Montgomery's Senior International Baccalaureate Art and Design students will present "Under Construction Garage Gallery" on March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Richard Montgomery H.S.

The exhibit is free. E-mail Ruth_S_Fishman@mcpsmd.org for more information.

CALL 301-816-0188 FOR INFO

Senior Adult Trips In Person Lottery, March 6

The In Person Lottery Registration for Senior Adult (60 and over) trips will be held Thursday, March 6 at 10:15 a.m. at the Rockville Senior Center.

Spring trips offered include

travel to the First Mariners Arena to see Stars on Ice Live; Longwood Gardens; a performance of Riverdance at Wolf Trap; a QVC Studio Tour and a three part Mystery Tour. Attendance is required during lottery.

The Senior Center is located at 1150 Carnation Dr.

CALL 240-314-8809 FOR INFO



Free Opening Reception for Annual Rockville Student Art Show

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery will host the Annual Rockville Student Art Show from March 2 to 28. The opening reception will be held March 2 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Awards will be distributed at 2 p.m.

The Art Show will consist of works completed by Rockville students in grades K-12 with judging for students in grades 4-12.

The opening reception on March 2 is free to the public. The Gallery is open Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tues., Thurs., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

CALL 301-314-8682 FOR INFO

Free Sunday Afternoon Concert March 2

Experience Rockville's own dancing, singing and stepping kids! On March 2, at the Glenview Mansion, the talents of the *Finest!* Youth Performance Troupe: Discovery KIDZ will be presented at 2:15 p.m.

CALL 301-314-8682 FOR INFO

Rockville Sister City Corporation Elects 2008 Officers

The Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC) has announced its 2008 officers. Rotraut Bockstahler (formerly vice president) was elected president, Jim McConkey was elected vice president, and Wayne Savage and Steve Fisher were elected secretary and treasurer respectively. Previous president David L'Heureux stepped down after eleven years of service which culminated with the 50th

Anniversary of the Sister City relationship with Pinneberg, Germany. Members of the RSCC wish to thank L'Heureux for his valuable leadership.

CALL 301-251-1490 FOR INFO

Volunteers Needed for Retirement Board

This seven-member body exists for the purpose of generally directing the affairs of the City's retirement system, processing retirement and disability applications, and reviewing investment policy, etc.

The members are appointed by the Mayor with the confirmation of the Council.

The membership is composed of a member of the Mayor and Council, the City Manager, three City employees (to be elected by City employees) below assistant department head level, and two persons with previous business experience, one of whom will serve as the Chairperson.

Terms are two years. Questions should be directed to Director of Finance, Gavin Cohen, at 240-314-8402.

CALL 240-314-8402 FOR INFO

CITY

7 March Madness Members of the Rockville City Police Department will play against 5th through 8th graders in a three-on-three basketball tournament. 7-9 p.m. at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. Call 240-314-8830 for information.

22 Eggstravaganza Featuring an egg hunt, Peter Cottontail, craft activities, a puppet show and more. 10-11:30 a.m. Rockville Civic Center Park.

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

2 Rockville Concert Band Children's Concert 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 240-314-8620.

7 Rondo Musical Society presents "Virtuosi Violinists" Concert From the famous Russian School of Violin, Albert Markov and Alexander Markov perform pieces from well-known composers. Fri. at 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

14-16 Musical Theater Center presents "Spotlight on Broadway" The always enjoyable annual Broadway Revue. Fri. and Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 2 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

28-29 HST Cultural Arts presents "Thanks for the Memories" HST's Showcase 2008 featuring classic moments in entertainment. Fri. and Sat. 7 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets sold through HST at 301-294-0520.

NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

March

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

8 Green Homes Lecture Discuss ways to improve the sustainability of your home, from energy efficiency to water conservation and pollution prevention practices. Register by Mar. 1. 2-3 p.m. Ages 15-over. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

12 Junior Naturalist Club - Botany Interested in exploring the natural world? Then join the Junior Naturalist Club at Croydon Creek! Each month we will investigate new topics and learn the skills to become true naturalists. Participants who complete all nine courses will earn an official Junior Naturalist T-shirt. Dress for the weather, as time will be spent outdoors. Advance registration. 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 11-14. \$12 RES/\$14 NR.

20 Rabbit Round Up Rabbits live almost everywhere in the world. Find out more about these mammals through stories, hands-on activities and crafts. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 2-3 ½ & 1-2 p.m. Ages 3 ½-6. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

Spring Break Adventures See what surprises nature can offer. Come to the Croydon Creek Nature Center during Spring Break for hands-on activities, hikes and trips. Sign up for one or more days. Early registration recommended. A letter will be sent to registrants detailing what to wear, what to bring, and the day's activities.

24 Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge A wildlife refuge where important research is taking place. Take a tram tour through its different habitats. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 7-12. \$45 RES/\$55 NR.

25 Discovery Creek Spend the day learning about natural history. Get down and dirty with hands-on activities that will show the importance of soil and the decomposers that live in it. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 7-12. \$45 RES/\$55 NR.

26 Life on the Farm Experience life on the Hard Bargain Farm as it was in the 1950's at this restored farm and environmental center on the Potomac River in Accokeek, Maryland. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 7-12. \$45 RES/\$55 NR.

27 Recycle Day Ever wonder what happens to the items in your recycling bin after they are picked up? Visit the Montgomery County Recycling Center to see the process in action then return to the Nature Center to make our own recycled art project. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 7-12. \$45 RES/\$55 NR.

28 The National Zoo Make the trip to Washington, D.C. to learn about the animals living at the zoo. Get a closer look at some invertebrates and learn about their importance to us through a guided program on site. We'll also spend some time on the Asia Trail. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 7-12. \$45 RES/\$55 NR.

29 Spring Hike Search for skunk cabbage and other signs of spring as a naturalist guides you on a hike in the John G. Hayes Forest Preserve. Register by 3/25. 1-2 p.m. Ages 16-over. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

4 Our National Archives 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR. Register by Feb. 26.

5 March Birthday and Anniversary Party Rockville native Patrick Mulhern will perform during the St. Patrick's Day themed party. Refreshments will be served. 1:30-3 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR. Register by Feb. 27.

5 Arthritis Treatment Educational Seminar 1-2 p.m. FREE.

5 Clarify Computer Concepts 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

6 Spring Trip Registration 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m. Free MEM.

10,12,17 Digital Photography II 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$35 MEM/\$44 RES/\$55 NR.

11 How To Compose A Winning Photograph 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$2 MEM/\$4 RES/\$6 NR. Register by Mar. 4.

11 Keyboard and Mouse (beg) 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$3 NR.

12 Western Visions Professor Paul McDermott will discuss his book "Western Visions" detailing his travels. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$2 MEM/\$3 RES/\$4 NR. Register by Mar. 5.

13 Etched Glass Vase 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$3 MEM/\$4 RES/\$5 NR. Plus \$15 to instructor at class. Register by Mar. 6.

18 Strathmore Hall Presents Anne Murray Trip 7-11 p.m. \$62 MEM/\$78 RES/\$98 NR. Registration is Full. Taking a wait list.

18&20 Word Processing (beg) 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

24,26,31 Digital Photo Editing 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$45 MEM/\$56 RES/\$67 NR.

20 Prostate Cancer Educational Seminar 1-2 p.m. FREE.

20&27 More Word Processing 1-3 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

25 Maintaining Your Computer 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FREE MEM/\$5 RES

2, April 3, 10

Microsoft Excel 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 MEM/\$25 RES/\$30 NR.

31-June 2 Citizenship Class 12:30-2:30 p.m. \$15 MEM/\$20 RES/\$25 NR.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are open to the public and held at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

5 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee, 7:15 p.m.

8 Board of Appeals, 9:30 a.m.*

11 Environment Commission, 7:30 p.m.

11 Human Services Advisory Commission, 7:30 p.m.

12 Cultural Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

12 Rockville Sister City Corporation, 7:30 p.m.

12,26 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

18 Rockville Seniors, Inc., 1 p.m. Senior Center.

19 Rockville Housing Enterprises, 6:30 p.m. 621-A Southlawn Ln.

20 Senior Citizens Commission, 10 a.m. Senior Center.

20 Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m.

25 Traffic and Transportation Commission, 7:30 p.m.

26 Human Rights Commission, 7 p.m.

27 Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, 7 p.m. Croydon Creek Nature Center.

*The March 8 meeting of the Board of Appeals will be televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11). See page 8 for program schedule.

Rockville City Police Have Much to Celebrate

Police Welcome Boomer – New Canine Officer and New Recruits

The latest acquisition to the Department is a 15-month-old male German shepherd named Boomer. Together with Rocko, Rockville's first canine officer, Boomer will allow the City to have a canine out in the field and available seven days a week. Rocko and his handler, Corporal Kyle Dickerson are patrol and narcotics trained. Boomer and his handler, Corporal Heath Marshall will be patrol and bomb trained.

"Boomer and I will complete our training in about three months," said Corporal Marshall. "Patrol school will include article and building searches, tracking, criminal apprehensions, agility and obedience."

After this initial training process, both Boomer and Corporal Marshall will go to bomb recognition school for eight weeks where they will be certified in detecting more than 20 different types of explosives.

"I believe this offers another level of immediate service to the community," said Chief Terry Treschuk.

Boomer was acquired through funding from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). MEMA funds also will help pay for the canine transportation vehicle and other basic equipment.

Stay tuned to The Rockville Channel for a profile of Boomer and Rocko and the police canine program. **RR**



Recently, the City Police Department recruited several new officers that will serve the City well. Pictured at top: New recruits were sworn in on January 28. From left to right, Captain Tim Marsh, Mayor Susan Hoffmann, Police Chief Terry Treschuk, recruits Aminatta Sesay-Dixon and Jamal Lewis and Lieutenant Alan Rawlins. In addition, several officers have celebrated well-deserved promotions due to their proficiency, professionalism and dedication to law enforcement and the City of Rockville. At bottom, three officers were promoted: Sergeant George Day (left), Captain Tim Marsh (second from right) and Lieutenant Alan Rawlins (far right). Chief Treschuk (second from left) was on hand to congratulate their achievement.

Not All Canines Can Be A K-9

Rockville City Police Chief Terry Treschuk shares the traits desired in a canine Police dog.

- **Intensity and Proper Temperament** – more than just a pet, the canine must possess intensity and the proper temperament to do this job effectively.
- **Energy** – tasks assigned will require a lot of energy, and the canine must possess proper strength and stamina at all times.
- **Confidence** – an important trait, police canines should be confident in the face of conflict to get the job done.

- **Drive** – with training and physical fitness, the canine also must always obey orders and meet all demands.
- **Intelligence** – an imperative trait especially during training, the canine's intelligence can assure the successful completion of a mission.

– by Mya Dinh

Did you know that Rockville's canines are issued a ballistic vest and an official police badge?



Rockville City Police Mission Statement:
In collaboration with others, the Rockville City Police Department protects and promotes community safety, ensures the safe and orderly movement of traffic, and seeks solutions to any problem that creates fear or threatens the quality of life in this City.

Volunteer Time:

Mentors Lead the Way for Expansion

For 13 years the City of Rockville has partnered with College Gardens Elementary School to conduct a mentoring program, which is managed by the Division of Community Services.

The success of the program has led to an expansion, organized by Community Services Program Coordinator Cynthia Bangali. This year the mentoring program is held at Beall and Ritchie Park elementary schools in addition to College Gardens.

"We wanted to give more Rockville children the opportunity to bond with a mentor the way our students at College Gardens did," said Bangali. "The program has been so successful that the next logical step was to expand to other schools."

The program is designed to improve the self-esteem and confidence of the students, to motivate, assist with problem solving and teach life skills. Some adult participants volunteer year after year, forming an even stronger bond.

"Watching the students mature as they begin to put the pieces together and become more independent is what it is all about," said Sarah Gicale, a program analyst for the City of Rockville. Gicale has been a mentor to the same child for several years and agreed that mentoring is a great way to support a youth and give back to the community.

Mentees meet with their mentors during the school year; no mentoring is held during holidays and school breaks. Mentors help students with homework, play games or sports, talk and more. All volunteers are screened and receive training. For more information, or to volunteer for the program, contact Cynthia Bangali at 240-314-8317 or cbangali@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

| TRC 11 | | THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL MARCH PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE | | | | | | CLIP & SAVE | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | | |
| 12 Midnight | Planning Commission | Historic District Commission | Mayor & Council | Mayor & Council | Historic District Commission | Mayor & Council | Planning Commission | | |
| 6 a.m. | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | | |
| 7 a.m. | Heart & Soul: AR'07 | On Patrol Encore | Heart & Soul: AR'07 | On Patrol Encore | Heart & Soul: AR'07 | On Patrol Encore | Heart & Soul: AR'07 | | |
| 7:30 a.m. | | Zoning 101 | | Zoning 101 | | Zoning 101 | | | |
| 8 a.m. | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | | |
| 8:30 a.m. | Historic District Commission | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Mayor & Council | |
| 9 a.m. | | Heart & Soul: AR'07 | Rockville U | COG Futures Forum | Rockville U | Heart & Soul: AR'07 | | | |
| 10 a.m. | | On Patrol Encore | Zoning 101 | On Patrol Encore | Zoning 101 | On Patrol Encore | | | |
| 10:30 a.m. | | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Rockville's Pike Meeting | | | |
| 11 a.m. | | | | | | | | Zoning 101 | |
| 11:30 a.m. | On Patrol Encore | Zoning 101 | On Patrol Encore | Zoning 101 | On Patrol Encore | Zoning 101 | On Patrol Encore | | |
| 12 noon | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | | |
| 12:30 p.m. | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | | |
| 1 p.m. | Mayor & Council | Planning Commission | Mayor & Council | Historic District Commission | Planning Commission | Mayor & Council | Planning Commission | | |
| 4 p.m. | Diversity in the City: Asians | | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Diversity in the City: Asians | | Diversity in the City: Asians | | | |
| 5 p.m. | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Healthwise | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Healthwise | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Healthwise | | |
| 5:30 p.m. | | | Zoning 101 | | On Patrol Encore | | On Patrol Encore | | |
| 6 p.m. | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | | |
| 6:30 p.m. | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | | |
| 7 p.m. | Planning Commission | Mayor & Council | Diversity in the City: Asians | Planning Commission | Diversity in the City: Asians | Mayor & Council | Diversity in the City: Asians | | |
| 8 p.m. | | | Storm Water Management | | Storm Water Mgmt. | | Storm Water Management | | |
| 8:30 p.m. | | | On Patrol Encore | | On Patrol Encore | | Healthwise | | |
| 9 p.m. | | | Rockville's Pike Meeting | | Rockville's Pike Mtg. | | On Patrol Encore | | |
| 9:30 p.m. | | | | | | | Zoning 101 | | |
| 10 p.m. | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | | |
| 10:30 p.m. | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | | |
| 11 p.m. | Rockville's Pike Meeting | On Patrol Encore | Heart & Soul: AR'07 | On Patrol Encore | COG Futures Forum | On Patrol Encore | Rockville's Pike Meeting | | |
| 11:30 p.m. | | Zoning 101 | | Zoning 101 | | Zoning 101 | | | |



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